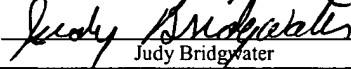


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office action herein mailed May 6, 2003, setting a time for response expiring on August 6, 2003. This response is filed in conjunction with a Notice of Appeal. As this response and Notice of Appeal are filed before November 6, 2003, they are timely filed with the enclosed petition for a three (3) month extension of time and the attendant fee. Careful consideration has been given to the restriction requirement and to the grounds for rejection and the following remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.